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TO: All Agencies in the Uniform State Payroll System

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## RE: RETIREMENT CHANGE FOR S06 AND M06 PEACE OFFICER/FIREFIGHTER (POFF) EMPLOYEES

Effective January 1, 2006, new retirement account codes are being established for S06 and M06 POFF employees. This change is a result of legislation that changes the retirement formula from 3% at 55 to 3% at 50 for those members. The employee contribution and exclusion amount remain the same.

Below is a chart identifying the old and new retirement account codes.

Old Account Code	New Account Code
55	5J
56	5K

## **PROCESSING**

The State Controller's Office processed an Employment History mass update on March 29, 2006 to post 505 transactions. Turnaround PARS for this mass update were generated.

Employees with appointment or separation expiration dates prior to January 1, 2006 were not included in the mass update. Therefore, agencies must determine if the employees are to be re-appointed or separated and key enter the appropriate transaction. If re-appointed, key enter a 505 transaction effective January 1, 2006 that reflects the correct account code identified in the above chart.

The State Controller's Office posted 505 transactions to the Employment History Data Base based on transactions processed prior to the March 29 mass update. If an employee's most current transaction reflects an effective date equal to or less than January 1, 2006, the 505 transaction was posted by the mass update process. If an employee's most current transaction is effective after January 1, 2006, the 505 transaction will be posted by the Controller's Office beginning March 30, 2006. Also, subsequent transactions will be corrected as needed.

Agencies are responsible for updating the Employment History Data Base with the correct retirement account code information for transactions keyed after the March 29 mass update.

## **CONTACTS**

If you have any questions concerning the new retirement formula or eligibility criteria, please contact the Department of Personnel Administration. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Lynn Black at (916) 327-3926 or by email at <a href="mailto:lblack@sco.ca.gov">lblack@sco.ca.gov</a>.

For PAR documentation, contact the Personnel Liaison Unit at (916) 322-6500. Revisions to the Payroll Procedures Manual and the Personnel Action Manual are forthcoming.

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